

### **Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition 1B (Waterborne 25%) - Public Hearing Q&A**

- 1) What is the responsibility of WETA in regards to the distribution of Waterborne 25% funds? What specific process will OHS use regarding these funds?

A: If an OHS award is received for Waterborne 25% funds then these funds will be available on a reimbursement basis. In this case, OHS will be considered the grantor of the Waterborne 25% funds; WETA will be considered the grantee of the Waterborne 25% funds; and the local agencies under the authority of WETA are then considered subgrantees of the Waterborne 25% funds.

- 2) As the local agency/recipient under WETA; do we still need to complete the application process?

A: Yes, WETA has the authority to accept or deny your agency's investment justification before it is submitted to OHS. Your local agency is still required to complete the application process set forth by OHS within the Proposition 1B Waterborne 25% guidelines. Thus, no project will be eligible for OHS approval until the local agency has first submitted an investment justification and received project approval from WETA.

- 3) Will local agencies be able to use Waterborne 25% funds for project design?

A: Yes, Waterborne 25% funds can be used in project phases, which the local agency may choose to, address their project design in the initial project phases in order to progress thoroughly within a project phasing process, if desired.

- 4) What happens to the Waterborne 25% funds, if not used? Will these unused funds stay within the Waterborne 25% portion of Proposition 1B for following years?

A: When submitting a project, an agency must be project ready. Please do not apply for Waterborne 25% funds for FY2007-08 if your eligible agency is not ready to spend grant funds. OHS will follow up with this question.

- 5) WETA representatives state that WETA cannot provide funds upfront for projects in order to cover the required reimbursement process. WETA is currently seeking a legislative amendment to the reimbursement method for grant funding. What is the typical timeframe for a reimbursement from OHS?

A: Once a project is approved; it may take up to 60 days for reimbursement, provided that WETA and the local agency submitted all required documents without error.

6) Is the completed Investment Justification (Appendix A) from the FY2007-08 Waterborne 25% guidelines required by May 06, 2008?

A: Yes, Please send the investment justification by the required date, specified in the FY2007-08 Waterborne 25% guidelines, which is currently May 06, 2008.

7) In regards to the Authorized Agent form (Appendix B) from the FY2007-08 Waterborne 25% guidelines, is name or title required?

A: It is important to use title instead of name incase of a personnel change.

8) When is the first biannual performance report due for these Waterborne 25% funds?

A: The first performance report is due on December 31, 2008 for the FY2007-08 Waterborne 25% grant funds. Thereafter, the performance report for FY2007-08 Waterborne 25% funds will be due biannually: June 30th and December 31st.

9) As a local agency working with WETA, do you require a new Governing Body Resolution from us every year or do you require a new Governing Body Resolution from only WETA every year?

A: OHS requires a new Governing Body Resolution for every year from WETA and the local agency whenever submitting an application for Waterborne 25% funds. The Governing Body Resolution submitted and potentially approved this year must relate to FY2007-08 Waterborne 25% grant funds. Thus, after the \$25,000,000 is awarded this round then a new Governing Body Resolution is required for following years, whenever a project application is submitted for grant funds.

10) As an example, if WETA hires a consultant to do work on behalf of the City of Richmond; would you still require a Governing Body Resolution from the City of Richmond or just one Governing Body Resolution from WETA?

A: WETA may, pursuant its authority and responsibility, execute projects with Waterborne 25% funds. If WETA intends to accept full responsibility as the recipient agency for the project, there is no need for the City of Richmond to submit a Governing Body Resolution.